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Re: **Case Number 95-64**  
**Barry K. Orange, D.V.M.**  
**Theresa Xifo -Complainant**

Dear Ms. Hernandez:

Please be advised that the Board reviewed this matter at its April 19, 1996 meeting. Although the Board found very definite recordkeeping deficiencies in the patient records submitted by Dr. Orange, in order to bring this matter to a conclusion the Board agreed to accept the \$500.00 settlement offer you made on behalf of Dr. Orange in your March 28, 1996 letter to DAG Lewis.

The Board wishes to point out, however, that the patient records relative to Ms. Xifo's cat "Rock" are notably deficient in that they contain only the presenting signs and medications dispensed. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9, a copy of which is enclosed, patient records must contain very specific information. The records for "Rock" do not contain any of the following:

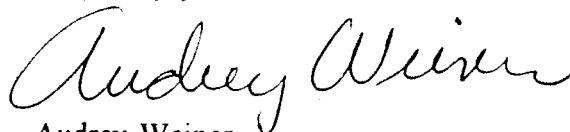
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- All pertinent symptoms and signs observed.
- Conclusions and/or diagnosis.
- The treatment or treatment plan.
- Such other notes or information so as to provide a clear statement of the patient's condition and the veterinary evaluation and response. For example, since neither the cat's weight nor temperature is indicated in the records, there is no way to tell whether the proper dosages of medications were prescribed.
- The initials or other identifying information to indicate the identity of the licensee making entry. The Board noted that the entries are in different handwriting, indicating treatment by more than one veterinarian.

The Board also wishes to point out that despite your assertion to the contrary, an autopsy was performed on the cat. The Board is in receipt of documentation from the veterinarian who performed the autopsy that the cause of "Rock's" death was urinary tract blockage.

Dr. Orange would be well-advised to adhere to the Board's recordkeeping requirements in the future.

Very truly yours,



Audrey Weiner  
Assistant Director

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Enclosure  
c Dr. Barry K. Orange  
DAG Brenda Lewis